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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS  
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA

1. TANZANIAN PLANS CALL FOR SECRETARY TO BE MET AT AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER BENJAMIN MKAPA. SECRETARY AND MKAPA WOKZD PROPFED TOGETHER BY CAR TO SECRETARY'S HOTEL. REVIEW OF STATE OF PLAY ON RHODESIA AT MALTA II AND BEYOND IS LIKELY TO DOMINATE CONVERSATION DURING 15- TO 20-MINUTE DRIVE WITH MKAPA. WE SUGGEST BELOW TALKING POINTS ON OTHER MATTERS THAT SECRETARY MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIT IN. WE HAVE INCLUDED A SHORT BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF MKAPA AT THE END.

2. RHODESIA. MKAPA WILL PROBABLY WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SECRETARY'S PLANS TO VISIT SALISBURY AND PROSPECTS FOR POST-DAR ALL-PARTIES CONSULTATIONS IN VIEW OF INITIAL SALISBURY REJECTION OF THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE IDEA. MKAPA MAY WISH TO OFFER SOME INSIGHTS INTO NYERERE'S BEHIND-THE-SCENES INTENTIONS FOR THE DAR MEETING. MKAPA WILL ALSO PROBABLY WANT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MALTA II AND INFORMATION ABOUT WHO IS COMING AND WHEN.

3. FOLLOWING ARE TALING POINTS ON OTHER SUBJECTS THE SECRETARY MIGHT USEFULLY MENTION:

A. US-TANZANIAN COOPERATION. WE MUCH APPRECIATE THE  
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COOPERATION THE US AND

TANZANIA HAVE ACHIEVED ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

WE WANT TO EXTEND THIS COOPERATION TO OTHER FIELDS, SUCH AS THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

B. NAMIBIA -NEXT STEPS. THE WESTERN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE ABOUT TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA.

WE HOPE TANZANIA WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT AND URGE OTHER AFRICANS TO DO SO. (TANZANIAN REACTION TO OUR EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE AND THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL IS OF NYERERE'S HANDS BUT HE HAS NOT YET RESPONDED FORMALLY.)

C. HUMAN RIGHTS. TANZANIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE A COMMON BELIEF IN HUMAN RIGHTS. TANZANIA'S RECENT RELEASE OF SOME OF ITS OWN POLITICAL DETAINEES, DECISION TO RELEASE SEVERAL

SWAPO DETAINEES, AND COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCES OF THREE MEN CONVICTED OF KARUME'S ASSASSINATION ARE GOOD EXAMPLES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FOLLOW. (IN FEBRUARY TANGOV RELEASED 29 POLITICAL DETAINEES, SOME OF WHOM HAD BEEN HELD FOR YEARS FOR SUSPECTED ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF OTHERS ARE STILL DETAINED. TANGOV IN FEBRUARY ALSO DECIDED TO RELEASE 11 SWAPO DISSIDENTS HELD ON BEHALF OF SWAPO, BUT THEIR ACTUAL RELEASE IS STILL BEING PROCESSED BY UNHCR. ZANZIBAR STRONGMAN AND TANZANIAN FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABEID AMANI KARUME WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1972. THERE HAVE BEEN NO EXECUTIONS OF THOSE CONVICTED AND NONE ARE LIKELY.)

D. USAID. THE US APPRECIATES TANZANIA'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT. IT KNOWS THAT ITS ASSISTANCE TO TANZANIA IS BEING WELL USED AND HOPES TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO TANZANIA'S DEVELOPMENT. (TOTAL FY 78 US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE  
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TO TANZANIA WILL BE \$31.5 MILLION. THE GRANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THEM IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 108 MILLION, ALMOST THREE TIMES WHAT IT WAS IN FY 77. THIS IS AIMED SQUARELY AT IMPROVING THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE RURAL POOR.)

#### 4. BIOGRAPHIC

SKETCH OF BENJAMIN MKAPA. MKAPA (EM-KAH-PA), 40, HAS RISEN ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS RELIABILITY IN PRESENTING NYERERE'S VIEWS. THIS LED FROM A CAREER AS A JOURNALIST AND NEWSPAPER EDITOR TO APPOINTMENT AS NYERERE'S PRESS SECRETARY IN 1974, HIGH COMMISSRIONER TO LAGOS IN 1976, AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1977. MKAPA IS AN AFFABLE, INTELLIGENT, WELL-INFORMED AND LOW-KEYED INDIVIDUAL. HE HAS BEEN GENUINELY HELPFUL SINCE THE TURNAROUND IN US-TANZANIAN RELATIONS, WITH WHICH HE CLEARLY

HAS NO DIFFICULTY.  
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